

Subject: coin valuation

Young Bear, Mr.

[Tama, IA]

See Also: Harlan, Edgar J. [Des Moines, IA]

[Young Bear letter originally  
found with Harlan, Edgar J.  
material.]

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EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

Des Moines

February 5, 1936

American Numismatic Society  
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.  
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have a very dear friend who has an old coin  
which he wishes to learn the value of.

This friend, Mr. Young Bear of Tama, Iowa, is  
a full blood North American Indian of the Sac and  
Fox nation, and writes to me in his own language  
which I have had interpreted. If he writes in  
addition to this letter something of his own for  
you, it can be translated by your neighbor society,  
The Museum of the American Indians, Heye Foundation.  
If he writes nothing, kindly give to his matter your  
best attention and write direct to him at Tama. He  
will get the full sense of what you say through his  
own family being of excellent education in the  
English language.

Sincerely yours,

*Edgar R. Harlan*

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February 14, 1936.

Mr. E. R. Harlan  
Historical, Memorial and Art Dept.  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Harlan:

Your letter at hand and  
today we received the coin from Young  
Bear. I have sent it back to him and  
have written him. Unfortunately the  
coin has no value.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 14, 1936.

Mr. Young Bear  
Tama, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Young Bear:

Mr. Harlan wrote me the other day saying that you would send me a coin to look at. Today the coin came and I am returning it to you, under separate cover insured, parcel post. I am sorry to say that your coin is worth only fifty cents, as it is not rare and the condition is very poor, being very much worn. It has no premium whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator